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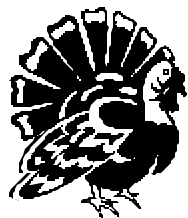
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady on retail sized hens and toms. Offerings were adequate, however no sales were confirmed. Bulk parts and meats demand was light and trading was limited. Supplies adequate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was fair on tom drums and light on thigh meat.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 25, 2003**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-59	57	57.00	40	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 25 MARCH 2003.

The undertone was steady to fully steady on tom necks and tom 2-joint wings, tom drums steady to fully steady mostly steady and full-cut wings were steady. Domestic bulk parts inquiry was light to instances fair with trading activity centered mostly on mixed and part loads. Offerings of tom necks and tom 2-joint wings were light at best, tom drums mixed with some inventories held with confidence while others note spot availability and tom full-cut wings ranged light to fully adequate, mostly adequate. Demand was slow to moderate on fresh tom breast meat with some sellers noting buyers taking add-ons to contracts for freezer programs. Offerings light to adequate and held with some processors more reluctant than others to sell at current market levels. Trading centered on a heavy volume of fresh tom breast meat for current shipments, balance of domestic and export trading light. Drummettes traded at 19 cents delivered domestic.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	89.53	600
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	89.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	24.00		24.00	6
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		M	25.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	18
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	17.00-18.00		17.94	34
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	17.00		17.00	33
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	54.00		54.00	40
NECKS, TOM	23.00-24.50		24.17	84
NECKS, HEN	16.00		16.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	118.00		118.00	720
THIGH MEAT		M	52.00	25
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	53.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	71.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		W	65.00	20
TENDERLOINS		F	97.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	103.11	360
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	115.00	11
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.10	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	18.67	120

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		***R	23.00	80***
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F		15.5080
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	18.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		***M	50.50	104***

****CORRECTION FOR 03/24/03: THIGH MEAT - FROZEN should have read "50.50, 104"
not tom drums.****

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65-66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	99-129

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 26 MARCH 2003.

The market tone on tom breast meat ranged from fully steady on part loads of fresh to steady to barely steady on truckloads of fresh and frozen. Demand was mostly light for the adequate to instances fully adequate offerings. Some blame the slowness in the white meat market to Lent and international events. The market on the balance of the white meat items was steady to sometimes fully steady for the light to adequate offerings. Some decreased confidence was noted on tom drums resulting in trading at lower trending price levels into export channels. Trading centered on a fair volume of tom drums for export, balance slow. Rib breasts: Grade A basted 12-14 lb. 100, plant grade non-basted 10-12 lb. 103 and plant grade basted 12-14 lb. 87 cents delivered domestic. Fresh tom drums traded at 19.50 cents delivered export.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	95.00		95.00	7
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	89.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00		23.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		M	25.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	17.94	34
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	18.00		18.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	26.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	54.00	40
NECKS, TOM		T	24.17	84
NECKS, HEN		T	16.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	122.00		122.00	40
THIGH MEAT		M	52.00	25
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	55.00		55.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	75.00		75.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	65.00		65.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	97.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	103.11	360
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	116.00-117.00		116.42	86
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.10	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.75-23.00		19.38	80

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00-23.50		21.28	360
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	15.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	18.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	19.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00-62.00		55.22	184

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 03/26/03

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

ACCUMULATED

SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2002-2003	-	334,160	334,460
2001-2002	13,703	340,793	341,093